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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Missile Handling and Storage Facility in Somalia

1. Construction of a new facility at the port of Berbera in Somalia was begun by the Soviets in the last half of 1973. It was not until January 1975 that we were able to identify the project as a missile handling facility. The installation could be completed by the middle of this year.

2. We believe the facility is primarily intended as a cruise missile handling and storage facility to support Soviet naval operations in the Indian Ocean. Since there are no other Soviet ordnance storage facilities in the area, it probably will be used as a general weapons storage area as well. As a secondary role, the facility could handle surface-to-air missiles or torpedoes. It also could handle and store coastal defense antiship cruise missiles, but there are no indications of preparation of firing sites for such missiles.

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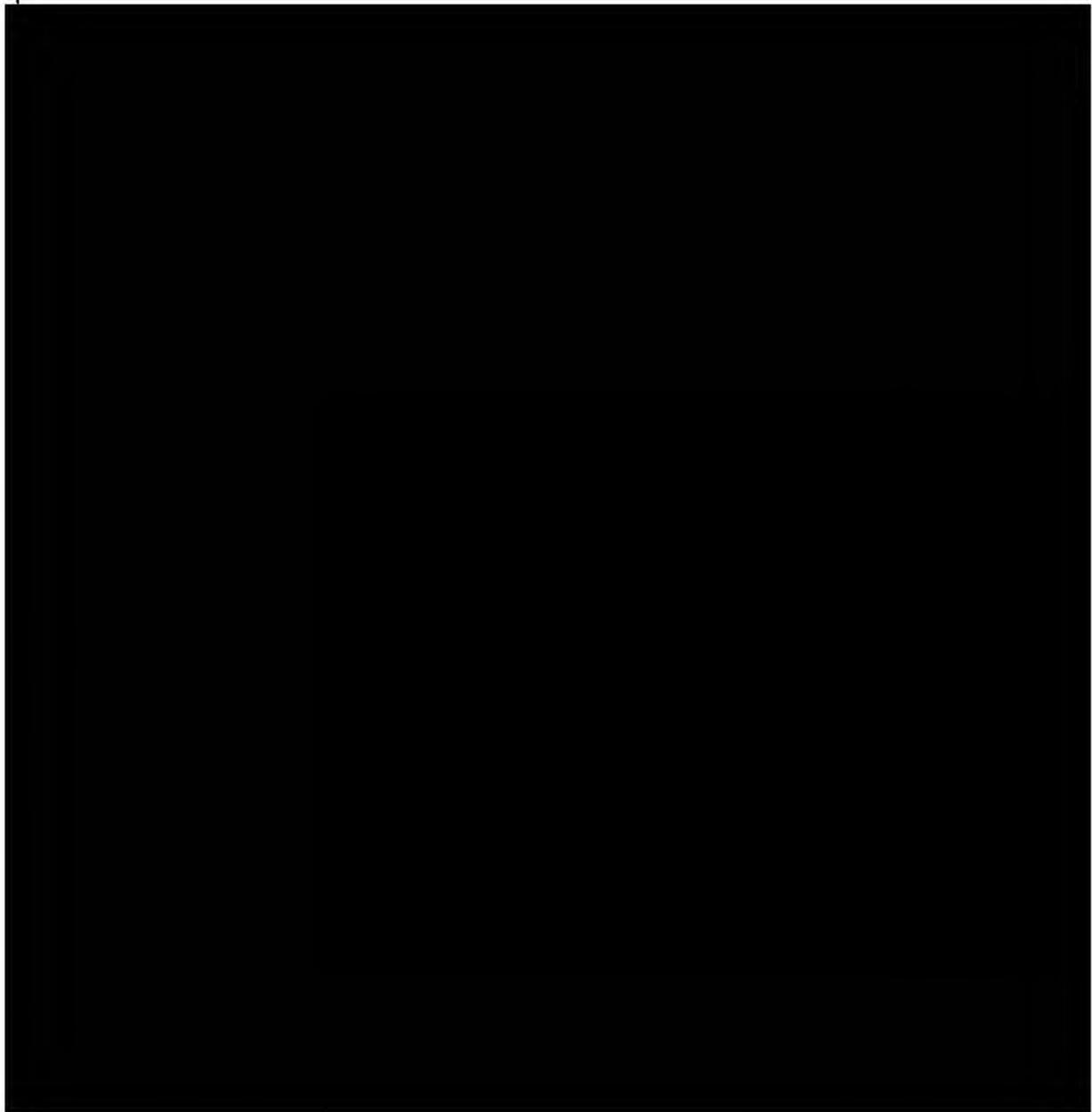
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6. The Berbera facility is larger and more elaborate than most support facilities provided by the Soviets to countries receiving Soviet missiles for local naval and air defense forces. The facility at Umm Qasr in Iraq that handles the Styx antiship missiles for the Iraqi Osas, for example, consists of only a few small buildings and bunkers. Somalia does not have

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naval missiles and the only surface-to-air missiles in Somalia are the SA-2s around Mogadiscio, some 500 miles away, where there is now a facility for storing and handling the SA-2 missiles.

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7. It is not clear how much the Somalis know about the purpose of the facility at Berbera. There have been reports [redacted] for example, suggesting that the facility is being built by Soviet naval personnel and that Somali personnel are excluded from the area. Thus, the Somali government may not be fully aware of the purpose and function of the Soviet facilities in Berbera.

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Selected Operational Soviet MissilesNAVAL CRUISE MISSILES

<u>Surface Ship Launched</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Launch Platform</u>
SS-N-1	10-30 nm	Kilden
SS-N-2a	4.5-25 nm	Osa
SS-N-2b	4.5-25 nm	Osa and Komar
SS-N-3b	12-150 nm	Kynda and Kresta
SS-N-9	4-60 nm	Nanuchka
SS-N-10	4-25 nm	Krivak (possibly Kresta II and Kara)
SS-N-11	4.5-25 nm	Osa (possibly Kashin and Kildin)
SS-N-14	5-30 nm	Kresta II, Kara (possibly Krivak and Moskva)

Submarine Launched

SS-N-3a	12-220 nm	E-II and J class
SS-N-7	4-30 nm	C class

Land Launched

SSC-1a	300 nm	Ground forces
SSC-2a	60 nm	Ground forces

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AIR-TO-SURFACE CRUISE MISSILES

	<u>Range</u>	<u>Launch Platform</u>
AS-1	55 nm	Badger (navy)
AS-2	120 nm	Badger (navy)
AS-3	350 nm	Bear (LRA)
AS-4	240 nm	Blinder (LRA)
AS-5	120 nm	Badger (navy and LRA)
AS-6	300 nm	Badger (navy and LRA)

SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILESShip Launched

SA-N-1	12 nm	Kresta I, Kynda, Kashin, Kanin, and Kotlin
SA-N-2	27 nm	Sverdlov
SA-N-3	30-35 nm	Moskva, Kara, Kresta II
SA-N-4	6 nm	Kara, Krivak, Sverdlov, Nanuchka, Grisha

Land Launched

SA-2	27 nm
SA-3	12-14 nm
SA-4	25-30 nm
SA-6	12 nm
SA-9	2.5-4.0 nm

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TACTICAL SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES

	<u>Range</u>	<u>Launch Platform</u>
FROG-7	37-43 nm	
Scud	160 nm	

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